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Division of Survey and Certification, Region VI

February 29, 2012

Dr. Stephen Martin, Ph.D, Laboratory Director
Office of Public Health Div of Lab
3101 West Napoleon Avenue
Metairie, LA 70001

RE: CLIA #:19D0663536; Extension of CLIA certificate

Dear Dr. Martin:

The current CLIA certificate of the Office of Public Health Div of Lab has expired on February 08, 2012. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, (CMS) will administratively extend your laboratory's CLIA certificate until the survey process has been completed. Importantly, this certificate will remain in effect until **08/8/2012**, or until one of two things occurs:

1. CMS renews your certificate for a two year period and sends you the new certificate, or
2. CMS administratively extend your certificate again.

Due to circumstances beyond your control, a new certificate has not been processed. Once this process has been completed and a survey has been performed, a new CLIA certificate will be issued for the time frame of February 09, 2012 to February 08, 2014.

We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused you. If you have any questions, please contact me at (214) 767-4414 or sandra.pearson@cms.hhs.gov. You may also contact LT Lane Vause at (214) 767-442 or lane.vause@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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